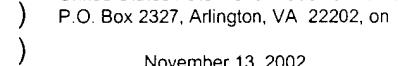


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 13), please consider the following remarks and amendments for entry:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please amend claims 1, 9, 16-20 and 22 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport comprising a mini sterilisation apparatus, said mini sterilisation apparatus comprising a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom, wherein the double-walled sterilisation boiler comprises an inner boiler ha[s]ving a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

9. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said sealing screw is operated by means of an electromotor of which the operating phases are operated by said process computer.